

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Marc E. Elias, Esquire Perkins Coie 607 Fourteenth Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20005-2011 NOV 1 0 2004

RE: MURs 5564 and 5576
Tony Knowles for U.S. Senate
Leslie Ridle, as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Elias:

This is in response to your letter dated November 9, 2004, which we received on that day, requesting an extension until December 9, 2004, to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on December 9, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Alva E. Smith, Paralegal Complaints Examination & Legal Administration